





Food distribution at the Happy-Child-School

June 2020

#### Dear Members and Friends of Cargo Human Care,

Our Family Aid 2020 went into its third round at the end of May and the families of our sponsored children in need were highly grateful. This week we included another large group of people in the programme: the 79 families of the 100 children at the Happy Child School and their teachers, who are currently not receiving a salary. Tabitha, the headmistress of the school, had alerted us to the fact that all these people urgently needed help, and we still see ourselves as responsible for the school, which is officially run by the church.

Meanwhile, we now know that the schools in Kenya will remain closed until September. It is difficult to predict how long restrictions will remain in place in the country. We have cancelled all medical and active missions up until the end of August and assume that we will have to continue family support for several months.

Besides the many knock-on effects caused by corona, however, CHC supporters have carried out special activities, which should not go unmentioned. Two creative ladies in Germany sewed masks and sold them for the benefit of our family support. Thank you for your strong commitment.

Stay healthy,

Thank you

Fokko Doyen, President CHC

General assembly 2020: Postponed to 1st half of September It will be a virtual event. Details will follow

#### Significantly fewer patients in the Medical Centre

#### Preventive treatments such as vaccinations and screening are declining

The number of infections is slowly increasing in Kenya; currently there are 3094 (Status: 10.6.) proven infections. Fortunately, the number of positive Covid 19 cases in our catchment area is low. However, the population's fear of infection, along with the government's recommendation not to visit Health Centres, is clearly reflected in the number of treatments carried out in our Medical Centre. As a result, fewer children are currently being

vaccinated and fewer cancer screenings are being carried out. The total number of treatments performed decreased by a quarter in the last two months. The largest drop (67%) was in the treatment of children under the age of 5.

The team is still doing an excellent job and our social workers are alerting patients to take necessary prevention measures.

## Create better conditions for a better learning situation at the MMH



Last year we took a close look at the learning situation of the children at the MMH with the aim of improving them and in order to meet the current requirements of the schools. The first measure resulting from this was the

employment of two ECD (Early Child Development) teachers who now regularly teach the younger and less-educated children at

the MMH. Thanks to generous CHC donations, we were also able to provide all children with new school books. In addition, a color printer was purchased that can be used to print out school assignments that have recently been sent as a download link via WhatsApp. We would like to support the initiatives to modernize teaching initiated by the school authorities and enable our children to stay connected.

Unfortunately, other planned activities such as homework help and the use of additional learning material were abruptly interrupted by the Corona crisis and the closure of the schools. With the resumption of school operations we will take up the many other ideas. The last few years have shown us how important the early school years are for a good start in later self-employment.



### Update on the small Dispensary in the Massai Mara

Background: In Kenya, a dispensary is a small outpatient health facility in remote areas. A Medical Officer provides basic medical care such as vaccinations, wound care, and the treatment of common illnesses such as colds, diarrhoea, and simple malaria.

Our dispensary in the Massai Mara, an annex to a school, was completed in March. Its equipment, however, is currently stored in the Mara Siria Camp and still has to be set up. We hope that the travel ban within Kenya, which was imposed during the lockdown, will soon be lifted, and that Joachim Pfeffer will be able to

set up the facility and officially hand over the dispensary to the school and community. The inauguration ceremony, which was originally planned for March, will be held later.



#### **Extension of the Wings Academy in Marsabit**

In 2012 and 2013 we constructed two classrooms in Marsabit, to enable children living in the area to attend school for the first time and to limit the distance to school to a maximum of 4 kilometres on foot. In the following years we continued to support the school, paid half of the teachers' salaries and monitored the sustainability of the investments through annual visits. During a visit in November 2018, by which time the school had grown to 7 classrooms, we could see that it was still in good condition. However, to complete the Secondary School, two more classrooms and the appropriate furniture were needed. In the summer of 2019, we found sponsors for the construction of these classrooms as well as for the furniture. We were able to equip the rooms with new

school desks in time for the new school year in January 2020. We

also purchased two more 10,000 litre water tanks.

In December 2019, we began putting a fence around the school grounds to protect the children and teachers from wild animals.



#### JKR supports the local health authorities

Currently, about 60,000 CHVs (Community Health Volunteers) working with the local health authorities in Kenya, are being trained in Covid-19 disease. Their task is to inform the population about the virus or illness and advise them on what to do. The JKR team and some of the students supported the CHVs by quickly converting the new training workshop for leather goods to produce protective masks (these are compulsory in public) and hygiene

gowns. The CHVs are regularly supplied with facemasks, which are then distributed to the population. We are very pleased and proud that the JKR community has taken on this responsibility and is driving and implementing the project on its own initiative.



### Family Aid 2020

#### Live conference with MMH Manager, Charles, on 25.JUN 20 at 8 p.m. on Zoom

The "Kinderhilfe des Swissair Personals" [Swissair Staff Children's Aid] foundation has been supporting CHC projects for years. Now, the Foundation's network should help to find sponsors for three projects in Brazil, India and for our Family Aid 2020 in Kenya.

There will be a live zoom broadcast in the evening of 25JUN20

with social worker Charles, who has been coordinating deliveries for us on site since March.

We are happy about this support from Switzerland. Are you interested in calling in and asking your questions directly to Charles? More details on the foundation's homepage:

www.swissair-kinderhilfe.ch and in the attached flyer.

# Office City Run 2020 - a "virtual" run this time. Register now!

The run has so far been held five times in Niederrad – with overwhelming success. This year, for wellknown reasons, the event cannot be held as planned on 26AUG20. However, you can still participate in the 5 or 10 km race, running your usual route if you wish. New disciplines have been added this year: 30 or 50 km cycling. This is how it works: register now on

As usual, there are attractive raffle prizes, which will again be drawn and moderated by Marion Kuchenny / HR-Moderator at the sports complex.